REAPING AND SOWING. RETRIBUTION. Matt.7:16-19. Gal.6:7,8.

BODY:-

I. The Principle Recognized and Explained.

1. The process of sowing and reaping.
    - a/ like begets like.
    - b/ every act bears its consequence.

2. Human destiny shaped by the process.

> " Sow a thot and you reap an act; sow an act and you reap a habit; sow a habit and you reap a character; sow a character and you reap a destiny; sow a destiny and you reap an Eternity."

II. The Value of Such a Principle.

1. Its necessity.
    - a/ to maintain order and harmony. – to enforce law.
    - b/ to make a consistent development possible.

2. Its discipline.
    - a/ a corrective.
    - b/ a saving power. – brings the sinner to the point of conviction.

3. Its basis of rightness. Justice.

4. Its unchangeableness.
    - a/ apparent rule of evil but temporary.
    - b/ ultimate rule of right.

> "Judgment will come, sin will be punished, wrongs will be righted, and goodness vindicated."

"However the battle is ended,
  Tho proudly the victor comes
With fluttering flags and prancing nags,
  And echoing roll of drums,
Still Truth proclaims this motto--
  In letters of living light--
Nothing is ever settled
  Until it is settled right.

Matt.7:16-19 Do men gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit but the corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire.

Gal.6:7,8. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. For he that soweth unto his own flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth unto the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap Eternal Life.

THEME:- Reaping and Sowing or the Principle of Retribution.

INTRO:- Present-day Indifference to Retributory Law.

I. Its causes.

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1. The sudden increase in knowledge. ~~and the setting~~
    - a/ the setting aside of false conceptions of the doctrine of reward and punishment.
    - b/ a consequent setting aside of the truth contained in the doctrine.

2. A change of interests.
    - a/ our chief interest no longer religion.
    - b/ but gain and pleasure and self-gratification.

The devil hearing the report of his [illegible] persecuting [illegible]. Causing them to [illegible] interest in religion.

3. The Retributive process works unseen and hence is rarely observed and much neglected.

II. The Result of Our Indifference.

1. God is apparently mocked.
    - a/ no longer feared.
    - b/ ignored altogether.

2. Obscuring of the moral vision.

Winking at evil and passing by the good.

3. Heedless living.
    - a/ a sowing unto the flesh.
    - b/ self-interest and self-indulgence.

Farmer's indifference to Niagara Falls.

"Let those who have failed take courage,
Tho the enemy seem to have won,
Tho his ranks are strong, if he be in the wrong,
The battle is not yet done.
For sure as the morning follows
The darkest hours of the noght,
Nothing is ever settled
Until it is settled right."

III. The Personal Application of the Principle.

1. Concerning our Being and Conduct here on earth.
   a/ all sowing of the flesh bears fruit. Gal.5:19-21.
      '1'A man sows sin and reaps hell.
      '2'In Tennyson's Holy Grail of all the knights that went in search of the Grail but one saw it, Sir Galihad the knight of the pure heart. The others had failed because as Sir Percivale is made to say,

"Then every evil word I had spoken once,
And every evil thot I had thot of old,
And evil deed I ever did,
Awoke and cried, 'This quest is not for thee.'"

   b/ all sowing of the Spirit bears fruit. Gal.5$^{22-25}$

2. Concerning our Future Life.
   a/ our future life determined by this principle.
   b/ not our state of present being but our state of becoming shall be the determining factor.

"My knowledge of that life is small,
The eye of Faith is dim;
But 'tis enough that Christ knows all
And I shall be with Him."

Conclusion.
I. From Condemnation to Salvation thru Christ.
II. In Christ the Law of Retribution becomes a school-master and ceases to be a condemning judges

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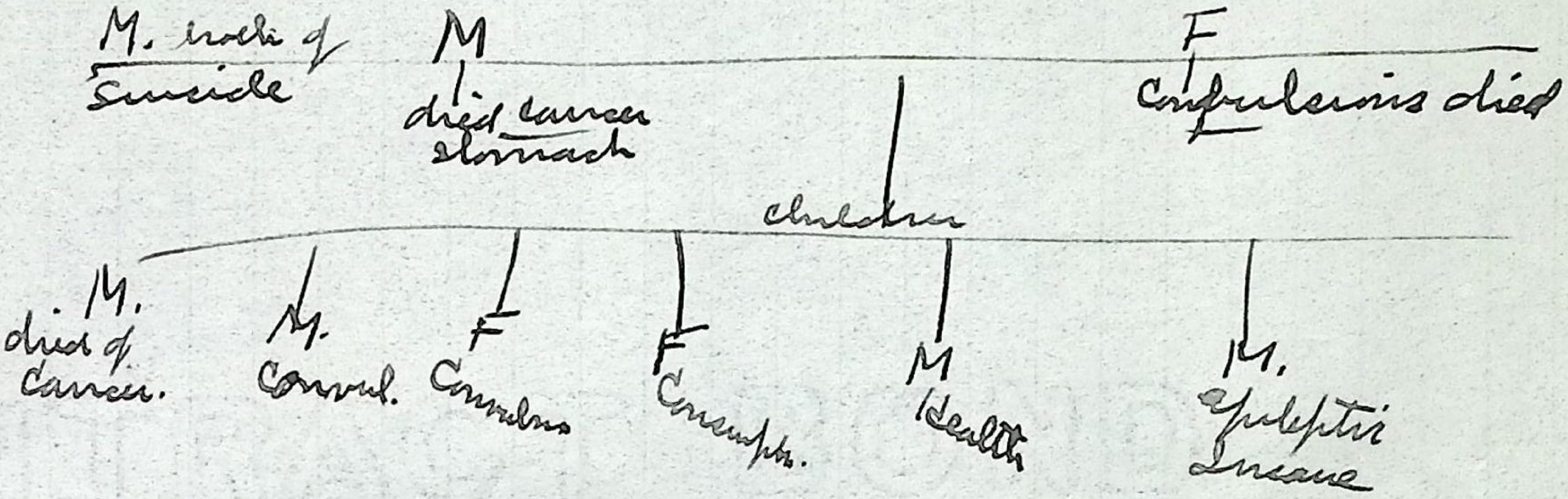
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THE FIDDLER

WALT MASON

They are holding high carousal down at Charlie's grog bazar, and the boys are burning money where the shining bottles are; you may hear their joyous laughter, you may hear them shout and sing, and they're finding life a solace as the noisy hours take wing. But the morning, oh the morning, when the singing rounders wake! When the mouth is like a hen's nest, and the head a mass of ache! Oh the agonies remorseful, and the wailings that ascend! For all men must pay the fiddler when the dance is at an end. There are fellows all around us who are cutting quite a swath, thinking that unless they're stylish they are surely in the broth; and they're buying motor wagons, and they're jaunting off to Rome, with a lot of borrowed money and a mortgage on the home. And some day a beastly panic on the land will spread a pall, and a lot of stylish alecks will be backed against the wall; then you'll hear a lot of pleading—pleading all in vain, my friend; for a man must pay the fiddler when the dance is at an end. Little Cora Jane de Jiggers has her feelings badly miffed, for her mother often tells her that her gait is much too swift. With her swagger girl companions through the streets she likes to roam, and she sees the moving pictures when she ought to be at home; she is flirting with the Johnnies in her harmless, foolish way, and she may invest in sackcloth on some bitter future day; for the laws that govern mortals never yield and never bend—girls, like boys, must pay the fiddler when the dance is at an end.

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RAILWAY TRAVEL WILL BE HEAVY FOR NEXT YEAR

Passenger Traffic Manager of the "Pennsy" Lines Says Conditions Improve

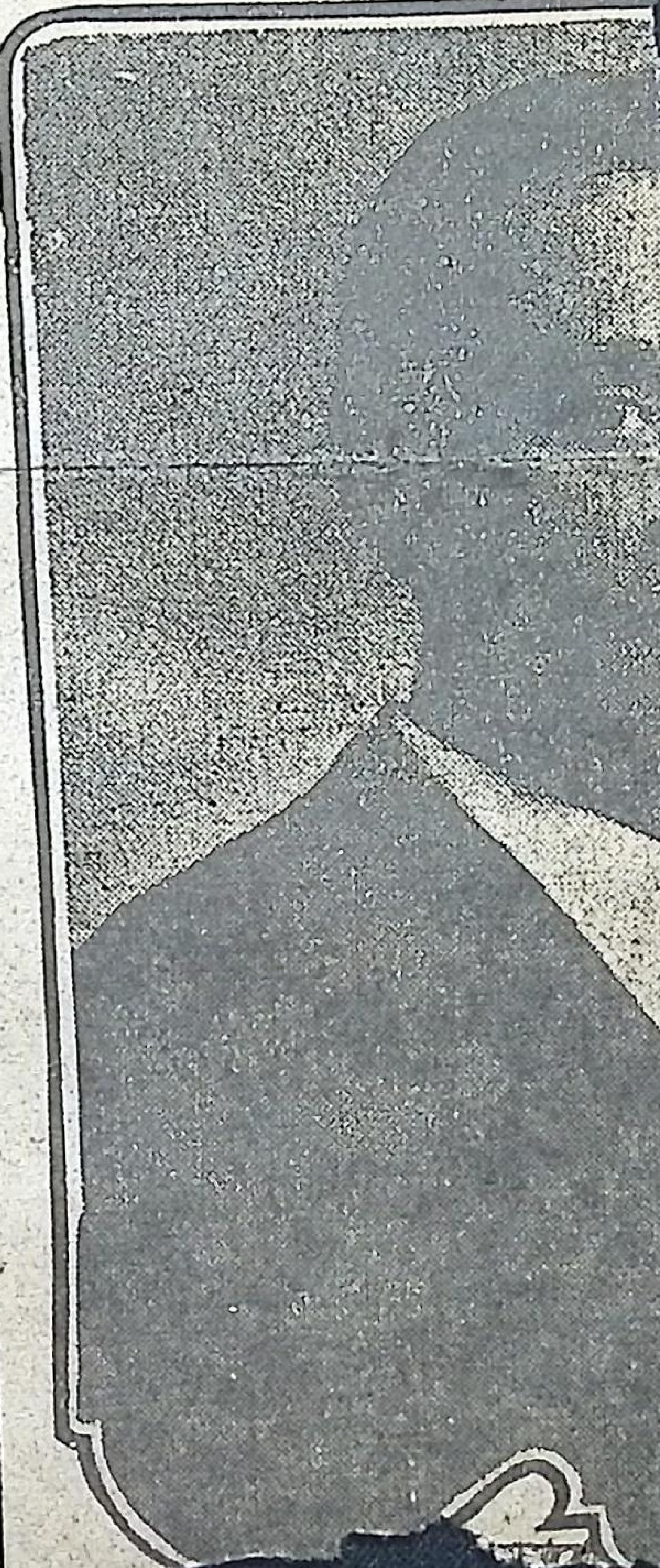
Samuel Moody Tells of Enterprise in Building Finest Station in World

Samuel Moody, passenger traffic manager of the Pennsylvania lines at Pittsburg, arrived here yesterday on a business trip, accompanied by C. L. Kimball, assistant general passenger agent of the same lines at Chicago. Mrs. Moody and Mrs. Kimball accompany the railroadmen on the trip.

Moody said yesterday at the St. Francis that he looked for a big year in passenger traffic.

"Business conditions are already improving, and we may confidently look forward to a return to prosperous times," Moody said. "Good times naturally will help the railroad business, and the travel, particularly west, will be heavy for the next year.

"We started on our inspection trip from Chicago and, after visiting St. Paul, came west to Montana, Washington, Oregon and this state. We will remain in San Francisco until Thanks-

Great Era of
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